

July 27, 2010

Freedom of Information Act Request
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Coordinator:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. subsection 552, I requested all information or records on a deceased individual named Harry A. Bruno (1893-1978). Mr. Bruno was famous both for his aviation career and for his work as a public relations pioneer. While I am interested in whatever files may be obtained related to Bruno, I am particularly interested in the period 1950-1964.

In a letter dated June 18, 2010, the Information and Privacy Coordinator wrote that in order for the CIA to proceed with my request, I should provide Mr. Bruno's "naturalization or LPR number and the date the status was acquired." The CIA assigned me reference number "F-2010-01319."

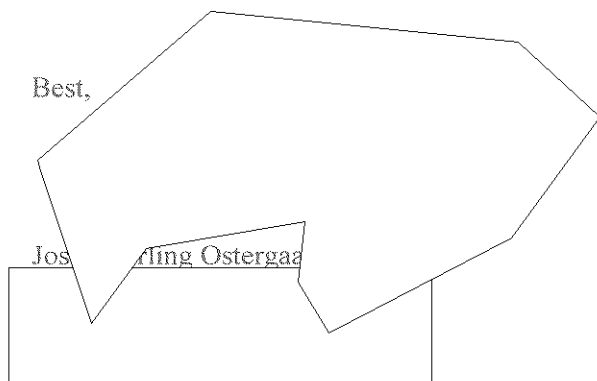
I have initiated the process to obtain such information about Mr. Bruno by filing a request with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration. (They gave me request number GEN-10027354.) My purpose in writing today is to let you know that this department will likely take more than 45 days to provide the information to me about Mr. Bruno. Despite the delay, I remain interested in my FOIA request to the CIA, and upon receiving the appropriate information from Citizenship and Immigration I will forward it to CIA.

I have also enclosed an obituary from the *New York Times* which may provide biographical information which could be of use in confirming Bruno's identity in any files which may exist at CIA.

Thank you for your time and your help.

Best,

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Harry A. Bruno, 85, Pioneer Aviator
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Harry A. Bruno, 85, Pioneer Aviator

Harry A. Bruno, a pioneer aviator and public-relations counselor for the aviation industry and a variety of other business clients, died Tuesday in Southampton Hospital of a heart attack. He was 85 years old and lived at Montauk, L.I.

Mr. Bruno was a member of the Early Birds, a group of airmen who flew before World War I. He built and flew a monoplane glider at Montclair, N.J., in 1910. He served with the British Royal Flying Corps, Canada, during the war.

Mr. Bruno's clients included Charles A. Lindbergh, Clarence D. Chamberlin, Adm. Richard E. Byrd, Dr. Hugo Eckener, Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, Jacqueline Cochran and other pilots who made epic flights. At his retirement in 1969, he was board chairman of H. A. Bruno & Associates Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, which he founded in 1923.

Criticized Lindbergh Position

The concern handled publicity for leading corporations in the atomic energy, automotive, business-machines, copper, electronics, financial, marine, motion-picture, plastic, petroleum, rubber and uranium fields.

Mr. Bruno was president of the Lotos Club for 11 years. Before entering public relations, he worked briefly for The Montclair Herald. He was born London on Feb. 7, 1893, and was graduated from Montclair High School. His parents, Harry A. and Annie Thompson Bruno,

perished aboard the Lusitania in 1915.

Mr. Bruno's close relationship with Colonel Lindbergh cooled shortly before World War II, when he criticized the flier's membership in the America First Committee and his questioning of American aid to the British.

Mr. Bruno was a member of the advisory committee for the Harmon International Trophies, awards made annually to the world's outstanding aviators.

He was a founder in 1921 of the Quiet Birdmen, a fraternal order of aviators, and a trustee of the Air Force Historical Foundation. His book, "Wings Over America" was published in 1942.

He had been a board member of the National Aeronautic Association, an executive of the Wings Club of New York, president of the Adventurers Club and public-relations counsel to New York City's Department of Public Events, 1953 to 1965.

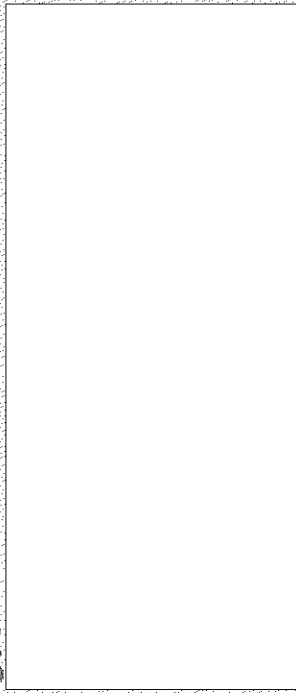
In 1930, he was married to Nydia de Sosnowska, who was known on the American musical comedy stage as Nydia D'Arnell.

Two years after her death in 1970, Mr. Bruno married Evelyn Denny Witten. She is his sole survivor.

There was a cremation but no funeral service. A memorial service will be held at 2 P.M., next Tuesday at the Community Church in Montauk. Another memorial service is scheduled at 11:30 A.M. next Wednesday at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Chapel, 1076 Madison Avenue.

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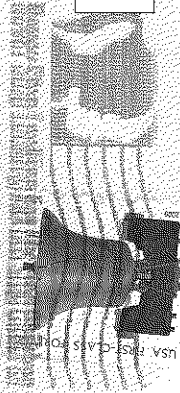


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